

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT THE TYPES OF BILLS THAT CAN
BE INTRODUCED PURSUANT TO SPECIAL MESSAGES OF THE GOVERNOR
DURING AN EVEN-NUMBERED REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO
THOSE BILLS ADDRESSING A MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY DECLARED
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 5
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Each regular session of the legislature shall
begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January.
Every regular session of the legislature convening during an
odd-numbered year shall remain in session not to exceed sixty
days, and every regular session of the legislature convening

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1 during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to
2 exceed thirty days. No special session of the legislature
3 shall exceed thirty days.

4 B. Every regular session of the legislature
5 convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only the
6 following:

7 (1) budgets, appropriations and revenue
8 bills;

9 (2) bills limited to addressing major
10 disasters or emergencies declared by the president of the
11 United States drawn pursuant to special messages of the
12 governor; and

13 (3) bills of the last previous regular
14 session vetoed by the governor."

15 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
16 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
17 rejection at the next general election or at any special
18 election prior to that date that may be called for that
19 purpose.